

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 14-18 have been withdrawn. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 9 and 12 are amended.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the May 25, 2005 personal interview. The substance of the discussions held are incorporated into the amendments and following remarks and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

I. Claim 9 Satisfies the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 9 is amended to obviate this rejection.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 8-10, 13 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,404,414 to Ishii, claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Publication No. 2002/015425 to Toyota et al. and claims 7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ishii in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0022572 to Murade. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Neither Ishii nor Toyota disclose capacitors including, as first electrodes, conductive layers connected to the data lines without any switching element between the conductive layer and the data lines, as in amended independent claims 1, 6 and 12.

Instead, Fig. 1 of Ishii discloses switching elements. Figs. 3 and 5 of Toyota do not clearly show storage electrode 8 connected to signal line 38. Furthermore, storage lines 39 are connected to signal line 38 through a storage capacitor 36. See e.g., Fig. 2. Murade does not provide the deficiencies of Ishii and Toyota.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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